I am extremely upset about the many tactics being used to undermine American democracy, from clearly partisan efforts to disenfranchise certain voters to the inappropriate use of public airways. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Please help keep the airwaves a vehicle for democracy. These kinds of actions reflect the corporate--and demogogic--takeover of political discourse.

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